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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 2047

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ON THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE JAMES SEDILLO.

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 Former representative James Sedillo passed away at his home in Flagstaff.

Jim Sedillo was a third-generation Flagstaff native, and his life was centered in Flagstaff.

Jim Sedillo was a decorated Vietnam veteran with the Ninth Infantry Division. He served more than a year in active combat and received numerous honors, including the Army Commendation Medal for outstanding achievement against hostile forces in the Republic of Vietnam and the Army Commendation Medal with the first bronze oak leaf cluster for meritorious achievement against hostile forces in the Republic of Vietnam.

After returning from Vietnam, Jim Sedillo received a bachelor of arts degree from Northern Arizona University in anthropology and psychology. While there, he founded the Hispanic student group, Movimento. After graduating, he spent several years with Coconino county in community services, ultimately serving as the assistant director. He was a charter member of Flagstaff Leadership and Sunrise Rotary. He also created the Flagstaff Youth Council and After School Youth Recreational Council for Coconino county.

Jim Sedillo served nearly twenty years as a Flagstaff justice of the peace. He worked diligently to improve the administration and operation of the justice courts, including consolidation, automation and new judge orientation. He served as a liaison to the Challenge program of education for DUI offenders. He was a member of the Arizona Magistrates Association and the National Judges Association. He served as the President of the Arizona Magistrates Association from 1993 to 1995.

In 2000, Jim Sedillo announced his candidacy for the Arizona House of Representatives, focusing on health issues involving children of low-income families, mental health problems, the economy and the environment. After his election, he was appointed to serve on the Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee, the Judiciary Committee and the Military, Veteran Affairs and Aviation Committee. He served for two years.

Since his term in the legislature, Jim Sedillo served on the board of directors of the Clean Elections Institute, as campaign cochair and past president of the United Way in northern Arizona and as director of the northern regional office of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality. Among his many awards, Jim Sedillo was inducted into the Arizona Democratic Hall of Fame in 2004.

His sudden passing has brought great sorrow to his family, colleagues and friends. His community and state will feel the loss.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona, the Senate concurring:

That the Members of the Legislature sincerely regret the passing of the Honorable James Sedillo and extend their deepest sympathies to his family and friends.

UNA THOUSLY ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE MARCH 6, 2006.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED. THE SENATE MARCH 6, 2006.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY STATE MARCH 7, 2006.